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John:

In April 1983, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Tactical Warfare Programs--Dr. Mac Adams--testified on DoD antiarmor weapon programs before the House Appropriations Committee. He was criticized for not having a master plan to coordinate antiarmor weapons development in order to prevent unnecessary overlap and duplication in these programs between or within the Services. USDRE is now proceeding to develop such a master plan, jointly with the Services and with contractual support from the Institute for Defense Analysis.

USDRE is requesting our assistance in the preparation of a Soviet armor threat section for the master plan and earlier technical intelligence to improve DoD's ability to plan the future Soviet armor threats. We can do more in the way of informed speculation to support this effort, but if we are to have a significant

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impact on [redacted] defense-planning decisions, we are going to need more and better collection of technical data. We are improving our data

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bases to exploit [redacted] more effectively, but the critical requirement is for improved

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